The Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Program
&
Industry

“Exploring New Solutions”

JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS PROGRAM

- DoD has an organized effort (since 1996)
- Commandant, US Marine Corps designated Executive Agent
- Deputy Commandant Plans/Policy chairs Flag Officer oversight panel
- Solicit Industry engagement for technological solutions to meet emerging challenges and opportunities
- The Needs & Requirements Panel will highlight our specific desires and challenges

RELEVANCE

Non-lethal Weapons, a new and emerging capability for the DoD

Industry's engagement needed to bring this important capability to the warfighter

"If war is forced upon us, we will fight in a just cause and by just means – sparing, in every way we can, the innocent."
(President George W. Bush)

"The principle that civilians must be protected lies at the heart of international law of armed conflict."
(Secretary Donald Rumsfeld)

"The development and acquisition of non-lethal weapons systems will expand the number of options to commanders confronted with situations in which the use of deadly force is inappropriate."

Mission Areas of Concern

Specific Challenges

- Force Protection
  - Facility Security
  - Crowd Control
  - Check-point Security
  - Maritime Security
- Urban Operations
- Homeland Defense

The Future of NLWs

"Beyond the Rubber Bullet Modality"

Operational Need

New Battlefield Opportunities

Technology Advancements/Discovery